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DTSC Certifies Whitebridge Subdivision

Sacramento --- The California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) today announced certification of the hazardous substances cleanup at the Whitebridge Subdivision located at 8231 King Road in Loomis, Placer County.

DTSC's certification means that all environmental cleanup activities required by the cleanup plan approved by DTSC are complete. The site is now suitable for unrestricted (residential and commercial) land use and development.

"We are pleased that the cleanup activities at this rural brownfield site are complete and the property can now be put back to productive use," said DTSC Director B.B. Blevins.

The Whitebridge Subdivision is one of many Brownfield sites throughout California where DTSC has overseen the investigation and cleanup of hazardous materials and then certified the property for reuse. Brownfield sites are properties that are contaminated or thought to be contaminated, and are often underutilized due to perceived environmental cleanup costs or liability concerns.

The Whitebridge Subdivision is a proposed 184-acre rural residential development. Approximately 50 percent of the property was operated as a commercial orchard from the 1930's to the late 1980's. Soil testing found elevated levels of arsenic and lead.

On December 19, 2000, Actium Development and DTSC entered into a Voluntary Cleanup Agreement to perform cleanup activities at the site. The cleanup plan, implemented in the spring of 2004, required approximately 2,560 cubic yards of contaminated soil to be excavated, consolidated, and transported to an on-site containment cell occupying approximately one acre of the site. The containment cell was covered with an asphalt cap to prevent human exposure and will be used as a road. A deed restriction on the containment cell will control land use and an operation and maintenance agreement was signed to provide ongoing operation and maintenance of the cap and cell.

Proposed redevelopment plans for the site include approximately 65 single family residential lots ranging from 2.3 to 4.6 acres in size.

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The Department of Toxic Substances Control's mission is to restore, protect, and enhance the environment and ensure public health, environmental quality and economic vitality by regulating hazardous waste, conducting and overseeing cleanups, and developing and promoting pollution prevention.